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## U.S. ATTORNEY ERIC MELGREN APPOINTS JIM CROSS TO PUBLIC AFFAIRS POST

Wichita, Kan. – United States Attorney Eric Melgren announced that **Jim Cross** has been appointed public affairs officer for the U.S. Attorney's offices in Wichita, Topeka and Kansas City.

The appointment frees up **Kena Rice**, who has handled public affairs duties for more than six years, to return to criminal paralegal duties for which she originally was hired.

Cross is the former editor of the Wichita Business Journal. Before that he spent more than 15 years as a reporter at the Wichita Eagle, where his first assignment was covering police and courts beats.

"We are indeed fortunate to be able to hire an individual with Jim's experience, talents and knowledge," Melgren said. "I look forward to working with him."

Cross is a 1981 graduate of Wichita State University where he majored in journalism. He and his wife, Jean Hays, and their 11-year-old daughter live in Wichita. His appointment is effective immediately.